

Culpeper Minutes

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Everyone's help is needed to keep Culpeper green.

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A Message from the Board of Supervisors

Dear Citizens:

I hope that this issue of the Culpeper Minutes finds you well. As the Holiday Season is upon us, best wishes are extended to you on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the entire Culpeper County staff. At this time of year, and in these difficult economic times, we should all reflect on the positive side of things, and be thankful for what we have. As the Board prepares to enter into budget discussions, we will be mindful of the hardships many are currently enduring. There will be difficult choices to make, and everyone will have to realize that there simply will not be enough money to accommodate everything that we would like to. The good news is that Culpeper County began making some cuts and doing some belt-tightening last year, when some of our neighboring communities did not, and as a result, we feel we are better positioned to weather this storm.

Again, we wish you all the best. Please remember our troops and their families during this holiday season.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The **CULPEPER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** is accepting applications from citizens to serve on the following committees:

Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee
Agricultural Resource Advisory Committee – one vacancy – three year term

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – one vacancy to represent the East Fairfax District – three year term

Citizens who are interested in serving should apply to Peggy Crane, Deputy Clerk, in the County Administrator's Office, 302 N. Main Street, (Old Post Office Building) Culpeper, VA 22701, (540) 727-3427, M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for an application. Applications must be received by January 27, 2009.

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 21.

www.culpepercounty.gov

Culpeper County Board of Supervisors

To contact your Supervisor, call the County Administration Office at 727-3427, or call directly

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> The Board meets the 1st Tuesday of each month

10 a.m. General County Business

7 p.m.
Public Forum
Planning Business
Public Hearings

Agendas are available prior to Board Meetings on the County Website at www.culpepercounty.gov and in the Culpeper County Library

Congressman Eric Cantor

As I begin my fifth term this year as your representative in Congress, I want to take this time to thank you for your support and to let you know that my staff and I are here to assist you in any way that we can. Please contact me or my Culpeper District Representative, Vanessa Freeman (540-825-8960), with your comments or concerns. I also encourage you to visit my website online at http://cantor.house.gov. I look forward to hearing from you, and I wish you and your family all the best in this New Year.



Outlook for the 111th Congress

On January 3, 2009, the 111th Congress convened with both the House and Senate focused on fixing the ailing economy. Congress has debated and taken on a host of different initiatives to restrain rising unemployment and get the economy back on the path to growth. My first priority will be to do everything I can to see that our economy begins to create jobs again, without unnecessarily growing the budget deficit and role of the government.

Congressional Art Contest

The Seventh District Congressional Art Contest will be held this spring. This annual competition is open to all high school students and provides a great opportunity to showcase some of the great artistic talent we have here in Virginia's 7th District. Students may submit a single, original entry no larger than 32 by 32 inches, including the frame. Paintings, drawings, watercolors, pastels, collages or prints may be submitted.

All entries are publicly displayed and are reviewed by a professional panel of judges who award first, second, and third-place awards. The winners are announced during a reception honoring all participating student artists and their parents, teachers and school administrators.

The winning entry will be displayed, along with those of students from across the country, in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., for one year. The work of the runners-up will be displayed in Congressman Cantor's office for one year.

To get more information about entering the Congressional Art Contest and a participation form, please contact my office at (540) 825-8960 or (800) 438-3793.

Congressional Award

Students from Culpeper County High School have long been real champions in the Congressional Award program and we look forward to their continued participation, as well as the participation of students from the new Eastern View High School.

The Congressional Award is a non-partisan program created by Congress to promote and recognize achievement, initiative and service in America's youth. The Congressional Award provides a unique opportunity for young people to set and achieve challenging goals that build character and foster community service, personal development and citizenship. The four goal setting areas are 1) volunteer public service, 2) personal development, 3) physical fitness, and 4) expedition/exploration.

For more details on the Award, or to sign up, please visit <u>www.congressionalaward.org</u> or contact my office or your school's guidance counselor.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 20,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newspaper is also available online at www.culpepercounty.gov

Comments and suggestions may be emailed to:

dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov

Procurement

"SELLING TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT" SEMINAR

Local area vendors are invited to attend the Culpeper County Procurement Department's Buyer/Seller information exchange seminar "Selling to State and Local Government." The purpose of this seminar is to give area businesses the opportunity to meet the County's procurement staff and become familiar with the County's procurement process. This will be an informal meeting open to all vendors to discuss the County's processes, upcoming contracts and any vendor questions or concerns.

Representatives of area businesses are invited to attend the seminar which will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in the Culpeper County Administration Office located at 302 N. Main Street, Culpeper, Virginia 22701.

Any business that sells a product or service, of almost any description, is a potential vendor to the County of Culpeper and the Commonwealth of Virginia and is included in this invitation.

For more information please feel free to contact the Culpeper County Procurement Office at (540) 727-3488, or visit the County's Website at www.culpepercounty.gov

Things We Can All Do to Keep Culpeper Green

by Peter Stetson

Culpeper citizens are fortunate to live in a county blessed by natural beauty. Green fields, lush forests, and well-kept gardens abound. Tending gardens, planting flowers, and protecting open fields and forests are important tasks in which we all can share, but these are not enough. We must also recognize the roles of energy conservation and environmental stewardship for keeping our environment green and blooming. Excessive reliance on fossil fuels to generate electricity and to power our vehicles contributes to air pollution and global warming which directly threaten plant life as well as human life. Careless use and disposal of dangerous chemicals can kill plants, poison animals, and pollute water supplies.

REDUCE HOME ENERGY USE

There are many steps each of us can take in our homes to reduce our reliance on energy, and to save dollars:

- Clean or replace air filters on your air conditioning unit at least once a month during periods of use.
- Lower the thermostat on your water heater to 120 degrees.
- Wrap your water heater in a fire-proof insulated blanket to retain heated water longer.
- Turn off unneeded lights even when leaving a room for a short time.
- Unplug seldom used appliances. Turn off computers and other appliances when not in use.
- When using an oven, minimize door openings while in use. Every time the door opens, oven temperature drops by 25 to 30 degrees.
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer after every load so that it uses less
- When possible, and permitted, air dry laundered items.

GREEN YOUR HOME – REDUCE TOXICITY

Many items that we purchase and use in our homes can be poisonous or harmful to the environment if not disposed of properly. Often, the toxicity of everyday household products is not readily apparent. Reduce potential problems with the following steps:

- Learn about alternatives to household cleaning products that do not use hazardous chemicals.
- Consider alternatives like baking soda, vinegar, water or a little more elbow grease.
- Buy only the right amount of paint for the job, whenever possible.
- Use cedar chips, or aromatic herbs from your garden instead of mothballs.
- If your house has a septic system, avoid antibacterial soaps and detergents.

• When no good alternatives exist to a toxic item, find the least amount required for an effective solution.

GREEN YOUR YARD - REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL USE

There are many steps Culpeper citizens can take around the yard to reduce our dependence on gasoline and diesel fuels:

- Leave grass clippings on your yard as they will decompose and return valuable nutrients to the soil.
- Use an electric powered lawn mower instead of a gas-powered one.
- Use recycled wood chips as mulch to reduce weeds, retain moisture and to prevent erosion.
- Do not over-fertilize. Use only the required amount of fertilizer and minimize pesticide use.
- When possible, compost your yard waste. This will minimize your burn piles and recycle important nutrients to your garden beds.
- Create wildlife habitats in your yard by not mowing fence row to fence row. A small brush pile can create an important shelter for toads, as long as there is a source of clean water nearby.
- Plant native species in lieu of non-natives. Native plants are more acclimated to our micro-climate and have proven resistant to droughts and temperature fluctuations.

GREEN YOUR OFFICE – REDUCE WASTE

Even outside our homes Culpeper citizens can take important actions to reduce waste and prevent landfill exhaustion. Some of these actions do not require your employer to actively manage a formal recycling program.

- Copy and print on both sides of recycled paper whenever possible.
- Reuse items like envelopes, folders and other small office supply items.
- Use a ceramic coffee mug instead of a disposable cup. Eliminate paper cups and plates from your office break room (and from church suppers).
- Use mailer sheets for interoffice mail instead of an envelope.
- Ask your employer to consider flexible work schedules like four ten hour work days, with the fifth day off. Ask if telecommuting one or two days a week will work for your employer.
- Shut off electrical equipment in the evening when you leave work.
- Avoid products with several layers of packaging when one is sufficient. About thirty-three percent of what we throw away is packaging.
- Reuse packaging cartons and shipping materials. Old newspapers make great packaging material.



Culpeper County Library

825-8691 www.cclva.org

Programs for Youth

Walk-in Storytimes:

The Culpeper County Library offers two walk-in Storytimes for children. Both programs are free and do not require registration.

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Bedtime Storytime is a family event where children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, slippers and bring their favorite stuffed animal. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Each program focuses on a different theme. Themes are listed on the Library website and in local newspapers.

Fridays 10:30 a.m.

Fun Friday Walk-in Storytime features stories, songs, activities and more! Each program focuses on a different theme. Themes are listed on the Library website and in local newspapers.

Bad weather... Please call the Library at 825-8691 to check whether there will be a Storytime.

Tuesday Morning Registered Storytimes

Six Week Sessions: January 13-February 17 and March 10-April 14

Must Register IN PERSON at the Library. Registration for January/February Storytimes is January 6 -9, and for March/April Storytimes is March 3 - 6.

Toddler Storytime at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

A third session, on Monday mornings, will be added if registration warrants.

Caregivers participate with their children. Stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes, crafts, and more! Weekly themes available on our website and at registration time in the Library.

Pre-School Storytime Ages 3-5 Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.

Children participate on their own in this program. Caregivers remain in the library during the program, but get to browse our books! At 11:00, caregivers assist children with crafts. Books, songs, puppets, finger plays, and flannelboard stories make this a great time for all! Weekly themes available on our website and at registration time in the Library.

Itsy Bitsy Baby Story Time

2nd Mondays of the month: January 12, February 9, and March 9 10:30 a.m.

3rd Thursdays of the month: January 15, February 19, and March 19 10:30 a.m.

Babies, birth to two years old, are welcome to attend. Parents will sit on the floor or a chair with their babies in their laps. Baby songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays, stretching exercises, books and methods for stimulating language and brain development for babies will be shared. No Registration Necessary.

READ TO THE DOGS AT THE LIBRARY!

Saturdays of the month 10:30- 11:30 a.m.



The Welcome Waggers therapy dogs are coming back for more fun-filled Saturday mornings of reading! This program is intended to encourage children to practice reading without the pressure of getting all the words right. Dogs don't correct or criticize! Sessions are free, and there is no registration.

A signed permission slip is required before children may participate in the program.



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<u>Friday Nights for Teens</u> Teen programs to be announced. Check our website or stop by the Library for monthly updates. Teens, if you have suggestions for programs, contact Laini Bostian at the Library.

Random Writer's Ages 12-18





Teens learn the art of "Random Writing" and participate in "Social Writing." Share stories and poetry you have written and learn to offer helpful feedback to writers. Find out what makes good writing. Get inspired with meditation and visualization exercises. Games and icebreakers are on the agenda!

Barefoot Puppets Presents: African Trickster Tales in honor of Black History Month Tuesday February 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Anansi the Spider is up to his old tricks again in this show that brings to life two traditional West African stories: Tug-of-War and A Story, A Story. These tales come from the Beluba and Ashanti peoples, respectively, of West Africa. In addition to Anansi, you will meet Elephant, Hippo, Namibi the Python, Osebo the Leopard, angry hornets and an even angrier Sky-God! Colorful scenery, original music, lots of puns and a seven foot stage create a wonderful backdrop for the antics of these expressive rod and hand puppets. It is a high energy show with fun for all ages!

Don't forget Dial-a-Story at 825-0555. It's free. The stories change each week, so be sure to call often.



TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. Tumble-Books are created by adding animation,



sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book which you can read, or have read to you. The stories are in English. There is, however, a special section, Language Learners, which offers books in Spanish, French, Italian and Chinese as well! There are also some fun games that help children learn opposites, put puzzles together...and more! Kids will love it...and it will have them reading more and more! Be sure to check it out on our website: www.cclva.org under the "Fun for Kids" section!

HeritageQuest Online: The Library has available a "unique, growing collection of research materials for tracing family history and American culture." Amateur or professional genealogists may now use this "powerful online library, with original page images for all documents," either at home or at the Library. Simply go to our homepage and link up!



Goodies for Grown-ups Savor the Flavor, Serving Up Books

"Goodies for Grownups," the library's annual adult reading program, runs February 2 through April 3. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this year's theme is "Savor the Flavor, Serving Up Books" and participants can win gift certificates to local restaurants just by reading books or listening to audio books from the library's collection. For each book read, get a chance to enter a drawing for the restaurant of your choosing. The choices include The Hazel River Inn, Chuisano Italian Table, Dragon Chef, Golden Corral Steak House, King's Grill & Deli, and Raven's Nest Coffee House.



The Culpeper County Library now subscribes to **ReferenceUSA**, an online directory that can help you find residential, business and physician listings including reverse lookup capability. You can access **ReferenceUSA** at any catalog computer inside the library or by visiting the library's web site at http://www.cclva.org clicking the **ReferenceUSA** link and typing in your 14-digit library code.





Culpeper County Library (continued)



Jazz in January

with
Jennifer Kirkland &
Bert Carlson

Sunday ☐ January 25 ☐ 2:00 p.m.

Free tickets available

Get ready for an unforgettable musical conversation featuring jazz, blues, and other American popular music, as vocalist Jennifer Kirkland and guitarist Bert Carlson appear in concert. The dynamic duo of Jennifer Kirkland and Bert Carlson delights audiences with vibrant performances, featuring imaginative arrangements of eclectic tune selections. Their concert programs include jazz standards, music from the great American songbook, blues, and modern popular and rock tunes done in jazz style. The talent and conversational stage presence of this duo combine to provide an engaging, accessible, and entertaining musical experience for audiences of all ages.

Expect the unexpected from these players with backgrounds in a wide variety of musical styles including jazz, blues, rock and roll, bluegrass, and classical. Jennifer Kirkland is best known for her luscious vocals and Bert Carlson for his unique playing style and innovative arrangements. They have each been playing professionally for over 25 and 30 years, respectively, and when they began working together in 2003, their musical chemistry was obvious. Their "dynamic duo" reputation has been growing ever since.

In 2006 they were accepted into the Directory of Touring Artists, a group of elite Virginia musicians whose performances are supported by awards from the Virginia Commission for the Arts. Concert venues include Court Square Theater, Blackfriars Playhouse, Performing Arts Luray, Carnegie Hall (Lewisburg), The Greenbrier Resort, Jazz in the Park, Theater at Lime Kiln, and clubs throughout the Shenandoah Valley and central Virginia.

Francis Stout of the former Folk Arts Revival Society in Rockingham County, Virginia, has presented Kirkland and Carlson in concert several times. Stout says, "What sets them apart from many other jazz musicians, I feel, is their drawing on so many styles and worlds of music to reach out to a variety of audiences. This brings jazz to people who may have come in thinking, 'I don't think I like jazz,' but who leave thinking, 'Wow! That was cool!"

For more about this duo and to hear audio clips, go to www.jenniferkirkland.net.



SOCIAL SECURITY ONLINE Introduction to Social Security Online Services

Discover how to access and take advantage of Social Security Online services at their user-friendly website, which can save you time and money. Learn how you can use

<u>www.socialsecurity.gov</u> to plan and calculate your retirement, apply for benefits, report changes in your situation, and find answers to your questions. Find out how the Social Security Administration is making it easier for you to conduct your business online. This seminar will be conducted by employees of the Social Security Administration and is offered as a community service by the Culpeper Social Security Administration District Office in partnership with Culpeper County Library. **Join us in the Library Meeting Room on Friday, February 13 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

Family Storytelling

Around the World in Stories

Saturday, March 7, 2:30 p.m.

Master storytellers Judith Onesty and Les Schaffer will take you around the world in an hour with stories from many different cultures. Everywhere in the world, stories help us to find our way. For thousands of years they have helped us to define, expand and explain our world. Flying high and flying low, you - and your family - will have a great time listening to stories from down the ages. Stories that still ring true today!





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Storytelling for Grownups



Seasons of Love Stories for the Lover in All of Us With Judith Onesty & Les Schaffer

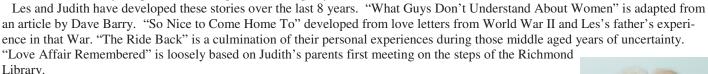
Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Judith Onesty and Les Schaffer present a full-length program of tandem stories about the relationships between men and women.

In this series, you will meet



- a dating couple getting to know each other
- a young married couple starting their family
- a middle aged couple on that cusp of where we've been and where are we going
- an elderly couple remembering their courting days



Judith and Les stretch the boundaries of tandem telling to achieve a free and open style that allows them to express the emotions of relationships. Dance along with them as they cover the gamut from puzzled to sure, from happy to unhappy, from young to old.

Judith Onesty tells a wide variety of stories including original family stories and stories that can be scary, hilarious and/or touching. Judith tells "with a special blend of humor, poignancy and wonder." She has told at the Valentine Museum, Maymont, L.A.U.G.H.S. (Loudoun's Annual Unforgettable Hilarious Storyfest) and the Story League National Convention. 804/261-4973 or jodesigns7@aol.com.

Les Schaffer a grandfather, storyteller and Licensed Professional Counselor, listens to and tells stories in theater, therapeutic, classroom and workshop settings. Les writes and tells stories that help heal, teach, bring a laugh or a tear (often in the same story). Les enjoys telling Jewish, Native American, cowboy and family tales. He claims that all of his stories are true, even the ones he makes up. 804/560-5567, or storyman1@comcast.net





Ever wish you could have the Library at your fingertips 24/7? On a trip with nothing to read or listen to? The Culpeper County Library is now available to you no matter where you may be, as long as you have access to a computer with an internet connection. Check out our newest service. Free of charge to you as always, with your Culpeper County Library Card.

With a valid library card patrons can log onto the Library's website, at www.cclva.org, install the free software, check out and download popular and classic audio books to their PC, and then transfer to a portable MP3 player or even burn some titles to CD and listen in the car.

Among the growing collection are romance, mystery, and classic literature audio books. Non-fiction titles include self-improvement, foreign language study, business and careers, and more! The 24/7, free access includes audio books from best selling authors like Nora Roberts, Nicholas Sparks, and James Patterson, in addition to titles from the classic writers Mark Twain and Charles Dickens.

Patrons can check out up to five titles at a time, and at the end of the 14day lending period, the audio books will expire from their PC and be automatically returned. With the digital titles, there are no late fees or damage costs. The service is free, easy-to-use, and best of all, available anytime from anywhere in the world. Want to know more about downloadable audio books? Susan Keller, the director, is available for a 15-minute demonstration to your group. Call at 825-8691 to make an appointment for this new, but easy, technology.

ncestry. library edition

Are you researching family history? Tracking down your lineage? Maybe you're just curious about those commercials you've heard on the radio. The Library now subscribes to Ancestry.com, a powerful tool for genealogy research. You may use Ancestry.com from any of our catalog computers while you are inside the library. Remote access from home is not available, since *Ancestry.com* allows individuals to subscribe if they wish.

Ancestry.com offers records from the 1790-1930 census, including the records for individual cities, slave records taken during the census, and the tax census list.

Twenty-seven countries have submitted Birth, Marriage & Death records to Ancestry.com. The Social Security Death Index lists birth and death dates along with last known residential location for millions of deceased individuals whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.

If you are researching immigrants, you will want to check out the passenger lists for New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and California ports along with other Immigration Records. These records are continually updated. Naturalization papers for some immigrants are also recorded.

Military data is a gold mine on Ancestry. The WWI Draft Registration is complete and included. This data includes most males who were of the age 18-70 in the years 1917-18. Other war records are from the American Revolution, Civil War, World War II and the prisoners of war, War of 1812, soldier lists, pensions and more.

Court, Land and Probate records are also listed. Land deeds can help document he migration of your ancestors. Tax indexes of many counties are included.

Ancestry.com has a wide range of Newspapers & Periodicals from many states, counties and cities. There is also a variety of Photos & Maps that include historical postcards, 250,000 photographs from the Library of Congress, a U.S. map collection spanning 1513-1990, and more.

One of the most fascinating parts of Ancestry.com is the collection of Family Trees submitted by researchers from all over the world, not just the United States. Over the years researchers have submitted their families' pedigrees and information by the thousands. Some of them have included their sources, notes and photos.

The Charts and Forms section of Ancestry.com allows you to print out blank pages that you can use to keep track of the information you find, including "family tree" sheets.





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Friends

Need a great gift idea for that person who has everything?



Support the Library by sponsoring a leaf on the Giving Tree located in the Meeting Room. Your tax-deductible gift is a great way to honor a special friend or family member. Each leaf has space for a four-line inscription of your choice. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. New leaves will be dedicated at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting in September.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK STORE HOURS:

Monday: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Thursday: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Bookstore is located in the rear of the Library. Ask a staff member for its location. Hardbacks are \$.50, paperbacks are \$.25, unless specially marked.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY!

Please Join the Friends of the Culpeper County Library

Membership Year - January thru December **Membership Types:**

Individual \$5.00 **Family** \$10.00 \$25.00 Benefactor Institutional

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the Friends is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded.

\$10,000 to \$15,000 is spent annually in support of Library programs including:

Summer Reading Program for children and teens

Adult Reading Program

Speaker programs for the community

Storytellers for adults and children

Book Page – monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons

Support of National Library Week

Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, and giveaways for children

Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community:

Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library

Annual Pansy Sale

Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room Author events

Other Activities

Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

MEMBERSHIP FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE CIRCULATION DESK The "Friends" are in need of members who are interested in working to support the Library. With this year's expanded Book Store hours planned, we especially need volunteer help. Your commitment could be as little as two hours a month. Your support of the Library will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in being a "Friend" or have questions, please contact Carol Orr at 540-937-6201.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

will meet at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

JANUARY 15 - FIRST LADY OF THE CONFEDERACY by Joan Cashin: This nonfiction book follows Varina Davis from

her Mississippi childhood to her marriage to Jefferson Davis, through the Civil War and widowhood. She was a fascinating lady who believed the South was doomed from the start of the war.

FEBRUARY 19 - *OLIVE KITTRIDGE* by Elizabeth

Strout: The author binds together 13

fictional short stories into a book with one unforgettable character, Olive Kittridge. The stories take place in Crosby, Maine, and offer profound insights into the human condition, its tragedies and joys.

MARCH 19 - THREE CUPS OF TEA by Greg Mortenson: An amazing uplifting true story about

the author's remarkable humanitarian campaign of building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan near the Taliban's territory. This is a riveting adventure story with a powerful humanitarian spirit.

DON'T MISS READING THESE FASCINATING BOOKS. THEN JOIN OUR MONTHLY DISCUS-SIONS AND GET THE MOST OUT OF THEM. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Pansy Sale - Saturday, March 28

Tíred of Winter? Get ready for spring with the Friends' Annual Pansy Sale. March 28 starting at 9:00 a.m. until the pansies are sold. (usually around 11:00) We often have begonias, calendulas and, of course, lots of pansies. We'll post prices and plant varieties as the date draws near. So kick those wintertime blues and help out the library at the same time.



For your convenience the Library is open for Lee/Jackson Day and Martin Luther King's Birthday.



KID CENTRAL

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Director

Dorenda Pullen

<u>Dates to Remember:</u> (Please>Pack a Lunch)

Teacher Workdays & Holidays (No School)
Jan. 19, 22, 23
Feb. 16
March 27
April 10-17

You Must Register & Pre-Pay To Attend.

While School Is In:
Planned School Closings
Childcare held 6:30a.m.6:30p.m. at Sycamore Park.
Kid Central makes every
attempt to open during
inclement weather.

*If School Is Closed: Childcare is at Sycamore Park School beginning at 8:00a.m.
*If School Has A Delayed

Opening or Closes Early: Students remain at their school

*Please Call 829-2124 for weather related questions & tune to WJMA 103.5 or WINC 92.5 radio or Channel 9 T.V.

*Please Pack A Lunch Sycamore Park Days

Stations.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL THIS WINTER

Kid Central never thinks of winter as a time of long, cold, quiet days with nothing to do. Quite the opposite!!

Because...

Before School Childcare Begins 6:30 a.m. at each school, with the exception of A.G. Richardson students meeting at the Pearl Sample School cafeteria (and staff walk the students to A.G.R. at 8:00 a.m.).

Before School Activities include: Homework Re-

view, Free Art, Gym Group Games and Centers.

After School Activities include: Homework Club, Seasonal Sports Teams, Crafts, Outside and Gym Group Games, 4-H Clubs, "Madd" Scientist Club, Math "Magic" Club, "A Heart for Art" Club, Chess Club and "School Spirit" Theme Day.

Fridays you will find the children either enjoying a monthly ice cream or pizza party for birthdays of the month, Film Festival Day,

Talent Show Day or even Club Demonstration Day.

This is a new year, jampacked with new activities everyone will enjoy, as well as developing new interests.

Holidays, Teacher Work
Days and WeatherRelated School Closings
will be held at Sycamore
Park Elementary with a full
day of

Fun & Action! Come Join Us!!



HOW TO REGISTER

Registration Forms are available at KID CEN-TRAL 1401 Old Fredericksburg Road, Culpeper, VA and at each of the elementary schools.

For more information please call (540) 829-2124.

Team Leaders (Site Coordinators) are available 6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. and

2:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. to answer any questions you may have about each individual program's activities.

Please feel free to inquire about the Before & After School Program Location you are interested in and a schedule of daily activities (540) 829-2124.

2009 Is A Great Year To Start Before and After School With KID CENTRAL

"Where Friends Stay
To Play!"



Looking to Make a Difference in a Child's Life?

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Call today to find out how you can help a child find their way.

829-2065

Visit healthyculpeper.org for more information



A healthy community is responsible for the acceptance and ownership of the physical, psychological, social, intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs of all its members.

For more information, please contact:

Denise Walker, Program Coordinator, 763 Madison Road—Suite 208, Culpeper VA 22701, 829-2065 x 313, Fax: 829-0927 dwalker@culpeperhumanservices.org Applications are available on our website: www.healthyculpeper.org

Healthy Culpeper

After School Arts Program

Winter/Spring 2009 Classes

FOR WHOM? Open to any Middle School/High School student residing in Culpeper.

WHEN? Classes start February 10.

WHERE? Classes will be held after school at Culpeper Middle School - Tuesdays & Thursdays.

WHAT CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED? GUITAR, DRAWING, PAINTING, JEWELRY MAKING,

ART FUSION, CREATIVE WRITING/POETRY, AND MORE......

COST? There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Applications can be obtained January 5 through February 6 at the Healthy Culpeper web site www.healthyculpeper.org or at the Healthy Culpeper office, Culpeper Parks & Recreation, and Culpeper County Library. Please return applications to the Healthy Culpeper office at the address below. Registration deadline is February 6.

Questions? Please contact: Denise Walker at 829-2065 x 313 dwalker@culpeperhumanservices.org



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PIEDMONT REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION CULPEPER, MADISON, ORANGE & RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTIES

Many adults who did not complete a high school program of instruction have continued to learn through a variety of experience encountered in everyday life. The purpose of the GED Testing Program is to provide an opportunity for these individuals to have the learning acquired from such educational experiences evaluated and recognized. The GED Tests make it possible for qualified individuals to earn a high school credential, thus providing opportunities for hundreds of thousands of adults to:

- Pursue higher education
- Obtain jobs or job promotions
- Achieve personal goals

WHAT ARE THE GED TESTS?

The Tests of General Education Development (GED Tests) are internationally recognized. They have been designed to measure major academic skills and knowledge in core content areas that are learned during four years of high school. When an adult passes the 7 ½ hour GED Tests battery, the resulting GED credential certifies that he or she has attained subject matter knowledge and skills associated with high school completion. The GED Tests battery includes the following subject area tests:

- Language Arts, Writing
- Reading
- Social Studies
- Mathematics
- Science

The GED Tests are offered in English and Spanish editions.

George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center (GWC-PTEC) GED Testing Schedule for 2009 Denise S. Vogt, Chief Examiner

January 16 & 17, 2009 April 17 & 18, 2009 February 13 & 14, 2009 May 15 & 16, 2009 March 13 & 14, 2009 June 12 & 13, 2009

You need to register 10 days before the test date. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request for individuals who qualify.

The George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center is open to take your GED application Monday – Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. and Friday 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Additionally, we are open late on Monday and Thursday evenings until 8:00 P.M.



Piedmont Regional Adult Education

(540) 825-0476

Register for Adult Classes in your area for GED Preparation, or ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages). Work on your reading, writing and math skills for GED and speaking skills for ESOL.

Call for information.

GWC-PTEC GED - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM./Tues. & Thurs. GWC-PTEC, Rapidan, VA.

Culpeper GED – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Tues, & Thurs./ Health & Human Resources, Culpeper, VA

Culpeper/Rappahannock ESOL – English As A Second Language 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs./Health & Human Resources Culpeper, VA & Farmington Elementary ESOL 6:00 PM– 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs., Culpeper, VA

Morning ESOL – 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM/Mon. & Wed. Virginia Community Bank, Culpeper, VA

Head Start ESOL – 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM/Mon. & Wed. Head Start, Culpeper, VA

Fast Track Class – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs. GWC-PTEC, Rapidan, VA

Literacy Council of Madison GED – 9:30 AM – 12:00 Noon/Mon & Wed. Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Literary Council of Madison GED -9:30~AM-12:00~Noon/Tues.~& Thurs. Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Literary Council of Madison GED – 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM/Tues. & Thurs. Madison Literacy Council, Madison, VA

Gordonsville GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Mon. & Wed. Gordon-Barbour Elem. Library, Gordonsville, VA

Head Start ESOL—5:30 PM—7:30 PM/Mon. & Wed. Prospect Heights Annex, Orange, VA

Orange GED – 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM/Tues. & Thurs. Orange County High School, Orange, VA

Rappahannock GED – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM/Mon. & Thurs. Rappahannock High School, Washington, VA

Winter 2009 CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHEDULE

All classes at George Washington Carver Piedmont Technical Education Center 9432 James Madison Highway, Rapidan VA 22733 (540)-825-0476

CLASS	DAY/SITE	BEGEND	SESSIONS	TIME	FEE
Beginning Astronomy	TBA/C	TBA	1	8:00 P.M.	FREE
Computers for Seniors	T/C	3/10 - 4/7	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Computers for Seniors	T/C	4/21 - 5/19	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
Conversational Spanish	Th/C	3/12 - 5/7	8	6:30-8:30 PM	\$125.00
Internet I	T/C	3/10 - 4/7	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet I	M/C	4/20 - 5/18	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Internet II	M/C	4/20 - 5/18	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	M/C	3/9 - 4/6	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
Introduction to Computers	W/C	4/22 - 5/20	5	6:00-8:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	W/C	3/11 - 4/8	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel I	W/C	4/22 - 5/20	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Excel II	W/C	4/22 - 5/20	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	W/C	3/11-4/8	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word I	T/C	4/21 - 5/19	5	5:00-7:00 PM	\$80.00
MS Word II	T/C	4/21 - 5/19	5	7:00-9:00 PM	\$80.00

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Office of Continuing Education: TUITION REQUIRED IN ADVANCE

Detach and return with payment by March 2, 2009 Make check and money order payable to:

Orange County School Board

Office of Continuing Education George Washington Carver-Piedmont Technical Education Center 9432 James Madison Hwy., Rapidan, VA 22733.

Name:			
Address:			
Street Name Daytime Phone ()	City/State Evening Phone ()	Zip Code	
Please enroll me in the following classes:			
Class Name	Day (Circle One)	Time	Cost
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
	Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs.		
Method of Payment: Money Order	Check	Cash	<u>'</u>

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Or give us a call: (540) 727-1055 Information is available on the website about all of the services available to jobseekers and employers including the following:

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Career Consulting
Job Searching Resources
Computer Training
Workshops and Job Fairs
Job Searching Resources
Small Business Resources
Training Funds (if eligible, as available)

Employers:

Job Listings
Staff Training
Space for Interviews
Job Fair Coordination
Workshops and Job Fairs